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Easter Greetings

Why shouldn't I rejoice at this gladsome EASTER time, when I think of loyal friends like you who have contributed so generously to the BEGONIAN. I do! I rejoice that it has been my privilege to know and serve you.

To you, therefore, as a loyal friend I want to say "thank you most sincerely" for your loyalty to me and for your faith in my ability.

May you enjoy thoroughly, all of the beauties of this joyful EASTER SEASON

THE EDITOR

OAKLAND FLOWER SHOW

by HARRIETTE W. BRIDGES

RAINBOW FOREST"!!! Sounds like something from fairyland doesn't it? But it isn't! It's just the theme of this year's 1941 California Spring Garden Show at Oakland, which will be held from April 30th to May 4th.

It truly will be a rainbow forest with the tremendous Redwoods standing majestically on guard over masses of colorful flowers. One could go many miles in a car, or tramp for days over mountains and through valleys and still not see more beauty than is being assembled for your enjoyment in the main building of the Spring Garden Show by Howard Gilkey and his many assistants.

The entrance to the main building will be up a ramp, onto a circular veranda from which will spread out, like a view from a mountain top, the vista of a beautiful valley. That will be "Rainbow Forest." Towering cliffs of green moss will cover the walls of the valley. One's eyes will travel down through the valley between the majestic, towering giants which rise up and up into the skies beyond the sight of the gazer, just as the giant redwoods do in their natural setting.

Through the trees one will see, and hear, the great fall as it cascades down from a tremendous height over cliffs of rock and green moss.

Descending from the platform into the valley beautiful, one will traverse flower and shrub lined paths, winding through the forest until the far end is reached. There you will stand in awe at the foot of the towering Rainbow Falls. Standing there you will be able to imagine yourself standing at the foot of the real Rainbow Falls on the middle fork of the San Joaquin River, so true a replica these falls will be.

On either side of the falls will be semi-circular cliffs covered with moss. On these cliffs will be growing, as in their natural state, azalea and rhododendrom bushes. To the right, the semi-

circular cliff will blend into and become a regular pile of stone posts. These are "The Devil's Post Pile."

Behind the falls will be on exhibition the aristocrat of all plants, the orchids. They will be displayed upon a moss covered wall and studded there as naturally as possible. These exotic beauties always attract large crowds. To accommodate all who desire to see them comfortably, three tiers of walks have been arranged.

In the outside gardens will be found another novelty this year. A group of business men of Oakland will show their skill in gardening by exhibiting plants of native wildflowers. They have planted several hundred wild bulbs and scattered numerous seeds of wild flowers on the central knoll of the outdoor garden which will be known as "The Temple of Flora." To carry out this theme they will encircle the crest of the knoll with pillars.

Among the exhibits in the main building will be at least two devoted to the Royal Hobby. One of these will be the American Begonia Society's exhibit and the other will be that of a private grower. The Society's exhibit will be advantageously located this year in the corner of the hall immediately below the entrance platform. Mr. August Egli, our Show Chairman, promises us another prize winning exhibit this year. Already he has been busy assembling plants for the show. The Society exhibit will be both the first and last one the visitors to the show will see. Its location at the foot of the veranda makes it one of the first, one will see and being just where the visitor leaves the main building, it will be the last one seen, as the visitor passes through the exit under the veranda. Truly a proper location for the Royal flower where it will remain in people's minds as the last thing of beauty they see as they leave.

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SIX INDISPENSABLE BEGONIAS FOR HOUSE CULTURE

by PROFESSOR A. H. WEISBERG
Missoula, Montana

IF YOU could have no more than six begonias for house culture, which varieties would you choose? It would be interesting to hear from others who grow them "in the house." Since conditions for outdoor, lath house, and greenhouse culture are different, they are not included in this symposium.

After 12 years of growing them in the house and after having at one time or another grown about 100 varieties, I nominate the following six as champions.

1. CORALLINA LUCERNA: There would probably be little objection to placing this one at the head of all lists.
2. SACHSEN: As a low grower, good habit, good foliage, persistent bloomer and very attractive flowers, would be hard to excel.
3. RUBRA ARGYROSTIGMA or (Angel Wing): A "must" because it best represents the type and is reasonably satisfactory in habit, foliage and bloom.
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6. GLOIRE de LORRAINE: The original with green leaves and pink flowers or still better perhaps, the one with bronze leaves and red flowers, called, I think, Mrs. Peterson. Unequaled winter bloomer, hardy, good habit. Stands

house conditions much better than Me-lior, Lady Mac, etc. Best represents this very important class of begonias and is therefore indispensable. If I could have only two begonias, I would choose CORALLINA LUCERNA and GLOIRE de LORRAINE or MRS. PETERSON.

And now having stuck my neck out, I humbly wait for the storm to descend upon my head.

THE PICTURE ON THE COVER

- The picture of the Tuberous Begonia (Camellia Type) was furnished through the courtesy of the Wilson's Nursery.

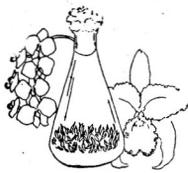
San Gabriel Valley Branch

- The San Gabriel Valley Branch of the A. B. S. held its regular monthly meeting in the Arcadia City Hall the evening of February 17th with President Arthur Nelson presiding. In spite of the heavy rain a good crowd turned out to hear Mrs. Maria Wilks, curator of the Wisteria Vine Gardens in Sierra Madre, who gave an interesting talk on arranging the shaded garden.

On April 18th Mr. Lloyd Cospar will tell of his successful experiments with growing streptocarpus in sand and how he is now attempting to grow orchids in gravel.

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by TRISTRAM COFFIN WHITAKER
Philadelphia, Pa.

THE VARIETY Mrs. W. S. Kimball was introduced in 1913. Little was known of the origin of this beautiful plant, after studying its characteristics for some time, I can say I am certain it is a seedling of the Variety Luxurians with probably one of the Rubra (Coccinea) Varieties as its other parent.

It is a tall shrubby plant with woody stems marked with curious cardinal red streaks. The leaves are flat, light green on the top surface with red veins and a red spot at the point where the stem

joins the leaf. The edge of the leaf is finely serrate, wavy and outlined with red. The underside is flushed and veined with red, leaf slightly hairy. Some leaves show the Luxurians parentage by having a small axillary leaf at the stem juncture. The leaf texture is the same as in Luxurians.

Mrs. Kimball's flowers are its main attraction appearing in mid-winter and lasting until spring. They are large and hang in huge clusters, color a lovely pink. Flowers exceed foliage. Those who like the unusual in plants, should try this Begonia..

Margaret Gruenbaum Branch

• The Margaret Gruenbaum branch is functioning and proving conclusively that Rare and Unusual Varieties of Begonias can be grown under house conditions which vary from steam heat, hot water heat, pipeless heaters, wood stoves, coal stoves etc. in stone and brick houses 100 years old and less, to frame bungalows, frame houses with window sills three to five inches wide. More than 100 varieties are grown by the members of this group and many of them specimen plants.

The most helpful thought for anyone who wants to grow begonias and has not been successful with their first attempt is to be very observant, and in deciding on the location best suited to each variety. Give them at least 6 weeks if before the first of January before moving them to try out another location in the house, if after the first of the year, 4 weeks will tell you if the change has been helpful.

The April meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Ellison Finkel, Horsham, Penna. There will be election of officers for the coming year, suggestions for the good of the Club for the coming 12 months, also ways and means of arousing interest in Begonias, and giving them greater publicity. It is whispered there are some excellent ideas to be placed before the members.

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BEGONIA DICHROA, SPRAGUE

by RUDOLF ZIESENHENNE
Director of Nomenclature

BEGONIA dichroa, Sprague meaning ("of two colors") was discovered by Ad. Lietze in Brazil in 1906 who gave it to the firm of Haage & Schmidt in Erfurt, German, where it bloomed for the first time in the winter of 1907. In the same year the Kew Garden obtained a specimen from Haage & Schmidt and T. A. Sprague named and described it in the Kew Bulletin in 1908, p. 251.

While this plant is grown in "cloth houses" in Southern California and blooms during the winter with a night temperature falling occasionally into the 30's and a day temperature in the 60's it prefers a glasshouse or at least warm conditions in order to do its best. It is a slow grower compared to other Begonias and should have plenty of food in order to keep it "well clothed" with foliage, and to make the lateral buds spring forth into growth. While it will grow two feet tall (The plants now cultivation may have been all propagated from one plant by means of cuttings, since they are all very prostrate and low growers while, the original description

describes it as being tall) it is best treated as a basket plant for the growth is half-drooping. Propagation is easily effected by means of stem cuttings, or seeds, if you are fortunate in obtaining them.

B. dichroa, Sprague, has been used in hybridizing and has given rise to several excellent plants. Mr. Alfred Robinson of Point Loma, California has produced a fine group of everblooming hybrids by crossing dichroa, sprague with his "Rubra" hybrid "Annie Laurie." I hope to be able to give a full description and account of these plants later this year. In Europe three horticultural species have been produced and I will give a full account of them below since I know many of our members are interested in doing hybridizing work with dichroa.

Botanically dichroa, Sprague, was placed in Section Knesbeckia.

Description: Root fibrous. Stem erect, half drooping, to two feet tall, green at tips and brown on older parts. Stipules fall off early, egg-shaped and sharply pointed. Leaf stem very short, green with a reddish tinge, not quite

B. dichroa—Life Size Six Inches



half as long as the leaf. Leaf oblong, egg-shaped, pointed, semi-heart-shaped, free of hair, edge somewhat wavy; upper surface shiny dark green with silver spots on young plants of basal shoots only; under surface pale green. Flower stem short, produced from the leaf axils. Flowers orange, (The color is listed variously in botanical works as orange-scarlet, red-salmon, light orange and rich brick-red), produced in large much-divided clusters. Male flowers, an inch or less in diameter (sometimes listed as about 2 inches), 2 sepals inverted, egg-shaped; petals 2, much smaller. Filaments short. Anthers oblong, inverted egg-shaped. Female flowers: sepals 2, inverted egg-shaped, petals 3, smaller, oblong and narrower. Seed pod: 3-winged, one of which is longer, 3 celled, white, placenta divided and carrying seeds on both surfaces. Styles 3, united at the base, each divided into two short arms which are twisted.

Below I have taken the liberty to quote an English translation from the book **Les Begonias** by Charles Chevalier, Past Director of the School of Horticulture at Liege, Belgium, who very kindly presented me with a copy of his wonderful work.

"B. X. Ch. Chevalier Hort. Leod. 1924-B. X. Gabriette Petit (B. corallina x B. undulata) X B. dichroa. Plant strong medium height (30 inches to about 4 feet) bush, very floriferous, obtained at the Botanic Garden of Liege.

"Stem erect, divided, bamboo-like, very flexible, bent over at the top. Leaves numerous, oval-lance-shaped, medium sized (7½ inches x 3 inches) shortly tapering to a point, not very wavy and with no lobes on the border, green. Inflorescence: large panicle much divided and hanging, stem and flower stems short. Flowers, male Eglantine rose paler at the center; stamens yellow. Females much larger and produced later, more numerous, Eglantine rose (dog-rose), wings of ovary darker. Ovary pale yellow. Stipules small, rose, falling off early.

"B. X. Professeur Gravis Hort. Leod (B. corallina x B. dichroa).

It was obtained at the Botanic Garden at Liege in 1924 and is interesting for its clear vermilion red flowers and wings which are contrasted with the whitish ovary.

"Plant vigorous not very much

branched. Stem erect, robust, tall (30 inches to 6½ feet) free of hair, clear green. Leaves large (11 by 4 inches) oval-oblong, tapering to a point, margin entire, green, bare. Flowers grouped on large panicles of much divided, hanging short reddish stems. Flowers, males clear vermilion red, deeper color in the bud; Females more numerous and more ornamental but of the same color. The flowering season begins in January and continues throughout the summer.

"B. X. General Lemans Hort. Leod. (B. X. Comte de Miribel x B. dichroa).

"It was produced at the Botanic Garden at Liege in 1917 and was dedicated to the heroic defender of Liege.

"Plant medium (20 to 28 inches) tall, little branched, but remarkable for its flowering season, abundance of bloom and their long duration.

"Stem erect, gnarled, thin, not straggling, bent slightly at the tip, green. Leaves oval-lance-shaped, tapering to a point, medium sized (6 x 2 inches) margin almost entire, green above and interspersed with silvery spots. Stems short. Stipules yellow.

"Inflorescence many flowered, displayed in hanging clusters on short, thin, reddish stems. Flowers rose, rather small in comparison with the two plants listed above, but in great numbers and of long duration and produced throughout the year. Flowers, females more numerous, the ovaries and wings Eglantine rose, the two bracts of the same color and remaining on the plant a long time."

The photograph is of a plant in the collection of Mrs. Elsie Frey.

National President To Be On Air

- Members and begonia lovers will have the opportunity of hearing Mr. Dyckman answer your questions over K. M. P. C. radio station, May 11, 1941 at 10:45 A. M.

Be sure to get your questions into K. M. P. C. c/o Mike Planter before the 30th of April.

He will answer as many as time will allow.

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BEGONIAS RAISED IN THE HOUSE

by JAMES WILKINSON
Jersey City, N. J.

FOLLOWING is what I find in raising begonias in the house. Houses and greenhouses are very much different. All greenhouses are the same, but every house has a different problem.

The best place is in the kitchen, which has more humidity. Gas stove pipes must be tight. Put pipe compound at union, also on the ground joint. Take pilot light off gas stove and light by holding lighted match over burner before turning on. Keep window open from top while cooking to let any accumulated gas out. If baking in oven, which dries out moisture and raises room temperature, take the lid off pot in which something else is boiling.

I set pots on trays of pebbles and between each tray, I have a copper container 1 inch wide, 1 inch deep and 12 inches long containing water. The weather, when warm, forces me to grow begonias at 70 degrees and when cold, at 65 degrees. I spray each morning with an atomizer. Every two weeks I brush the leaves off with a soft brush, placing my hand behind each leaf to hold it firm while brushing. I water in early morning and use rain water.

I try turning my plants a quarter turn every other day to keep same in uniform growth and if you find on the second day that most of the leaves facing the window look badly, don't turn that plant any more, as before long it will get sick.

One can use a 100 watt G. E. lamp to use on the plants, when the room is lacking of sun, but no less than a 100 watt. Whenever sunshine is taken away from begonias the soil, humidity and temperature must be perfect to keep them growing.

Starting in May my begonias get sun

for 1½ hours. I try to adjust my window to the right opening on top, which will allow it to stay open all day when the weather is warm. In the winter, air comes in through the glass. January, February and March I am forced to double pane the bottom half window. The windows have a very cold exposure. The humidity that I carry on cold nights will freeze ¼ inch thick on the windows.

In bad winter weather sometimes the wash is dried on racks in the kitchen, which increases the humidity, but with all the perfect conditions I supply I must have the right soil, and the following formula has given me the best results:

¼ inch pot of leaf mould
⅓ inch pot of leaf clay soil
⅓ inch pot of sand, repeat until ¾ full
½ inch pot of rotten cow manure
½ level teaspoonful each of bone meal, tobacco dust and cotton seed meal.

The growers in and around Jersey City raise only two begonias. Dorothy Grant and one of the Scharffiana group. They use peat, apparently no leaf mould. The instructions given to the purchaser is not to water until the soil is dry.

In house culture, I find the greater the humidity produced, the lighter should be the soil. The soil mixture suits the amount of humidity in my house with little or no sun. I feel that every home differs and that a little experimenting must be done.

It took five years of experimenting on my part to get my present degree of satisfaction in growing begonias. I use plenty of potsherd or broken pots in the bottom of my pots for drainage.

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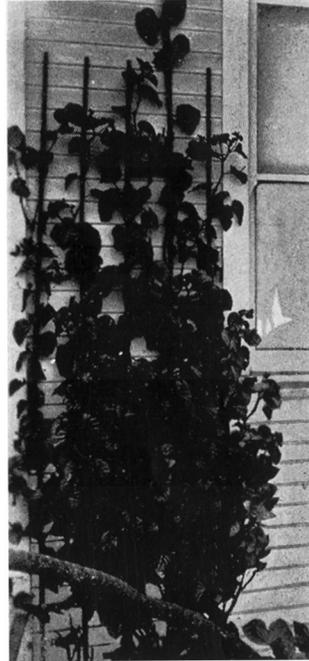
by C. M. KELLY

THOSE OF our members who are seeking the new and unusual in begonias will be interested in a curious "climbing" variety that has recently come to our attention.

Mr. M. C. Alsenz of 176 Norton Street, Long Beach, California, has a begonia of the semperflorens type that has forsaken its low-growing habit and has in two years grown to the height of fifteen feet. The plant sends up a number of stalks from the root, after the manner of the bedding types, but is distinctive in that the stalks, without branching, attain an unbelievable length. These stalks are not cane-like as are the rubras, but require a support of some kind. In a favorable location this begonia continues to grow and bloom throughout the year. The leaves are dark green, typically semperflorens in shape, and the flowers are light red.

The plant is probably a sport or variant of some old variety, and in Mr. Alsenz's hands has been propagated only from cuttings. He obtained his original cutting from a plant (which has since died) that came direct from England, and so far as is known his is the only stock in this country. None is offered for sale to the public at this time.

We would like to have reports from anyone who has or knows of similar plants.



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MOON STORY

by GEORGE OTTEN
Seaside, Oregon

THE FIRST article in the last February issue, I read with interest, "A Parable of the Begonia Sower," written by our congenial Begonian, Alfred D. Robinson.

Herein he mentioned the help of the moon, which he had invoked in germinating seeds of Begonias.

There is a certain influence of the moon upon plant life. It took me a long time to realize that this "Moon story" is not a nursery rhyme, but actual facts plainly demonstrated it. I never paid any attention to the stand of the moon, as most growers did not in early days, but I changed my mind when I saw an article written by a European forester who (just for a trial) had made the following experiment. This forester, who raised many thousands of seedlings annually, protected his seeds by a wind break, which was constructed of sapling trees, 6 feet long and 3 to 4 inches thick. These poles were placed two feet in the ground and 4 feet above and about 3 to 4 feet apart. I saw in Holland the same fences for protecting their hyacinths and tulips from disastrous winds.

This forester took an accurate account of the poles, cut in the rise of the moon, marked the end carefully and then finished the hedge with poles cut by the decline of the moon. The result was that one year later, the poles, which had been cut during the growing moon were perfect, whereas the ones cut during the declining moon were brittle and decaying. After close examination it was

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found that the poles, cut during the growing moon, had formed a substance under the bark, which had hardened and practically had formed a tissue, which hermetically closed the wood from outside influence.

In this neck of the woods a great deal of Alderwood is cut for firewood and if such wood is not cut during the time the sap is in circulation, it is punk in the fall and unfit for firewood.

It is hard to determine whether the moon has any influence in sewing Begonias or not, however, as Mr. Robinson writes, as long as seeds are fresh, kept moist under an even temperature of 60 degrees, they will germinate, regardless of the stand of the moon. Many farmers in this country sow all plants, which produce fruit above the ground, during the rising moon, and all fruit, which grows into the soil, like carrots, turnips and potatoes, with the declining moon.

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The Philadelphia and It's Vicinity Branch

• The meeting was at the home of the president, Mr. Tristram Coffin Whitaker, 5343 Greene Street, March the 10th.

The whole country side was blanketed in snow and ice, but the begonia enthusiasts care neither about ice nor snow, because they want to know Beongias.

Tuberous-rooted begonias was the topic of Mr. Whitaker's talk, their origin and the work of the hybridists in raising the standard of Tuberous begonias from comparatively small flowered species, to the huge glorious flowers of the latest varieties.

Their culture from seed through to large tubers was explained, also their many types described, including the Multifloras, Martiana and the very satisfactory Tuberous species "Pearcei" and "Sutherlandii" and the New Fragrant Varieties.

Mr. Whitaker stressed the fact that when purchasing your tubers let quality and not the price be your guide, as there is a very great difference in the result one achieves.

Tea and a social hour followed.

The April meeting will meet at 5343 Greene St. Gtn. Monday, April 7. at 2 P. M.

Easter Greetings to all A. B. S. members.

MRS. SOPHIA E. WHITAKER

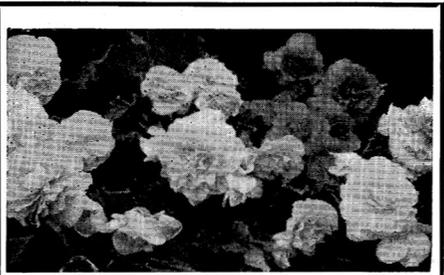
Herbert Dyckman Branch

• The Dyckman Branch of the American Begonia Society will meet at the home of Mrs. and Mr. Haller, 949 E. Artesia, Bellflower, California. The meeting will be held Tuesday evening, April 1st.

Mr. Merrill Teaney, from Merrills Flower Shop, 137 N. Bellflower Blvd., will be the speaker of the evening. He will speak on the New Plants of 1941, also on rare and odd plants.

There will be a plant sale as usual, also refreshments will be served by the hostess.

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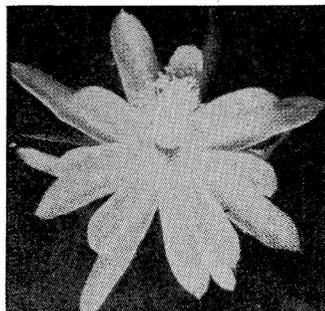
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Hollywood Branch

• Mr. Hine, President of our branch, gave a very interesting talk on begonia culture. He stressed the importance of the careful planning of a lath house with a built in barbecue or even a portable one, with tables, etc. in which the family and their friends may enjoy broiled steak dinners. He says this arrangement will in time result in all taking real interest in the pleasure of an attractive begonia garden.

He also told in a pleasing informal way his own methods of begonia culture and attributes much of his success with plants to systematic feeding. For this he uses his own formula of nutrient solution, which he perfected after years of experimenting with plant foods. This formula was given in the Begonian Feb. 1940. He does not sell this or his plants, but is glad to help others as much as possible with the knowledge he has gained through-out the 30 years experience with the "Royal Hobby."

On April 9th Mrs. Irene Dodson will be our speaker of the evening.

A most cordial invitation is extended to begonia "fans" to enjoy Mrs. Dodson's talk at Plummer Park.

MARY ADELE JENKS

Palomar Branch

By J. A. Hayden

• I think we, here at the Palomar Branch, have hit on an idea that is worth passing along.

We are taking Mr. Ziesenhenné's description of plants and making a "Round Table discussion." We can handle about two at each meeting.

Take January issue of "Ricinifolia." We take a plant of Ricinifolia, a plant of Heracleifolia and one of Peponifolia or the nearest plants to these varieties, which is placed before the club and I think by the time all questions and queries are thrashed out, our members know this plant for all time.

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Philadelphia Flower Show

• The April issue will have gone to press before the Philadelphia Flower Show, Mar. 24-29, has taken place. But the efforts of two of our American Begonia Society members will show results at the Show, by an exhibit of Begonias covering more than 400 sq. ft. of space. Mrs. A. H. Gere of Merion, Pa., and Mrs. H. K. Krauss of Wynnewood, Pa., members of the Philobegonia Club, Branch of the ABS have done this noble piece of work. And WORK it is, they have traveled thousands of miles to collect the plants for this exhibit, some of the varieties are from their original habitat, so there is really a treat in store for Begonia lovers.

Eastern Reporter

Glendale Branch

• The Glendale Branch of the A. B. S. met at a dinner preceeding their regular meeting, which was held on St. Patrick's day.

Mrs. George Johnson was chairman of the affair, which was attended by more than 110 members and friends, the Irish motif being used throughout the evening.

The regular business meeting convened at 8:00 o'clock and Mr. Ernest Tuttle of Baldwin Fernery in Pasadena gave a very instructive talk on "Ferns and their care."

The one thought in the minds of the membership for the month of April, is their participation in the Spring display of the Glendale Flower show Association. This Flower Show is held in connection with the Festival of Cultural Arts and is one of the years outstanding events.

The flower show will be open to the public from 10 A. M., Sunday, April 27th, to 6 P. M., Tuesday, April 29th, and Glendale branch takes this opportunity to invite all "Begonians" and their friends to attend.

P. S. Dear Alma Mater: No the separation is not permanent. We have been too busy learning to walk. Will see you soon.

JESSIE A. POOLE

Inglewood Branch

• Vice-President Tyler officiated Friday night, March 7th, due to the absence of President Jones, who at present is in the hospital.

Mr. Ferd Neels, 1941 Convention Chairman, introduced the Chairman of the Inglewood Dahlia Show sponsored by the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce. It was suggested that our Convention tie in with the Dahlia Show and a motion was made and duly seconded that this matter be taken up with the National Board for their stamp of approval.

Mr. Neels stated that he would be calling on our Inglewood members to head committees for the forthcoming Convention, and he will need many! NOW PLEASE lets cooperate with him 100%. If everyone says **NO** there can be no committees and one cannot do it alone, so when you are contacted for help say **YES — LET'S MAKE THIS THE BEST ONE YET!!!**

Our National President, Mr. Dyckman, talked on propagating Rex Begonias and demonstrated the various methods by which this is done. Some were cut into triangular pieces; some leaves laid flat and weighted down by hairpins or toothpicks, and some rolled, a la stuffed cabbage, and one end stuck in the soil. We understand this is the method used to a great extent in the East. How about it, Easterners? It might be interesting to us on the Coast to know how you propagate your Rexes. The flat was then donated to the plant sale.

Due to the absence of President Jones who also handles the programs, it is not possible to name the speaker for the April 4th meeting. There will be a speaker, however, and we hope to see you all there.

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One of their big accomplishments was to have secured space in the Philadelphia Flower Show, so that a Begonia exhibit was at last realized there.

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Mrs. Helen Ehret,
7507 Lexington Ave., Hollywood.

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Thursday, April 10, 7:30 P.M.
Community Hall, 9th and Lime, L. B.
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Tuesday, April 15, 7:30 P.M.
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Mrs. Louise Schwerdtfeger, Secy.,
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Friday, April 18, 7:30 P.M.
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Monday, April 21, 8:00 P.M.
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Tuesday, April 22, 1:30 P.M.
Mrs. Ellison Finckel
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